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Executive Office.
Mineral Point, Feby 23. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst, tendering the resignation of your seat in the House of Representatives of this Territory, - which is accepted.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Alex. W. McGregor Esq
Davenport (W. T.)

Executive Department
Mineral Point, April 6. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3rd ultimo, requesting me to furnish such statements of the condition of the different banks of this Territory as may have been last made to the Legislative Assy. Enclosed, you will receive the printed reports of Committees appointed by the Legislative Assembly to examine into their condition, together with a written statement, shewing the amount of their respective capitals, the date of incorporation, & the places where they are located, - so far as the same could be obtained.

Very respectfully
Your

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of Treasury.

Your obed. Serv.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Mineral Point Mar. 19. 1840

Sir,

Your letter of the 27th ult, accompanying the bond, required to be given on accepting the appointment of Notary Public, has been received, and the bond is approved.

In reference to the appointment of Supr. Court Commissioner I have to state that when that office was solicited for you it was ascertained that the number allowed by law was already filled up, and that no other appointment could be made until a vacancy offered. The appointment of Mr. Carey bears date Dec. 22. 1837, and consequently will not expire until December 1841.

Very respectfully
Your obed. Serv.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

Volney French Esq
Southport.

Executive Department
Mineral Point May 6. 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to notice the receipt of your letter of the 17th April, containing list of lands selected for the use and support of a university, and covering the copy of a publication of them, and your account for services in the location.

The compensation for services to the Commissioners for locating these lands is to be made from the Territorial Treasury, and your account has accordingly been transferred to the Auditor for

settlement. The copy for the publication will be forwarded to the Editor of the Enquirer at Madison.

Very respectfully
Your obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Henry Dodge.

Jno. V. Suydam Esq
Com.r for locating U. lands.

Executive Department
Mineral Point May 6. 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed account of J. V. Suydam, Commissioner for locating a portion of the University lands in the Green Bay land district, for services rendered under said commission, to be audited. You will please notify Mr. S. of your action on the subject.

The enclosed copy of selections of lands for the purposes of a University is sent for publication in the Enquirer, there being no paper now printed in the Green Bay land district.

Respectfully
Your obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Henry Dodge

J. D. Noonan Esq
Auditor of Territory.

Executive Department
Mineral Point May 7. 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor, in accordance with a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, approved Jany 11. 1840, to transmit the enclosed schedule of tracts of land selected, within the Green Bay land district, for the use and support of a University within this Territory, and to request that the same may be se-

apart and reserved from sale for the purposes mentioned in the act of Congress of June 12th 1836, granting these lands to the Territory.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Servt.
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secy. of Treasury.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, June 10. 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to state that your bond, as Recr. of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal, has this day been approved.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Servt.
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Jno. S. Tweedy Esq.
Rec. of Mil & Rock riv. Canal.

Executive Department
Mineral Point Sept. 29. 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, enclosing, in conformity to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, a statement of the amount of monies appropriated by Congress for their use, since the period of the organization of the territorial government, the sums drawn therefrom, and the balance undrawn of said appropriations.

I am, Sir, with great respect
Your obedt. Servt.
(Signd) Henry Dodge

To the Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of the Treasury.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, Sept. 21. 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst, requesting that the usual estimate for the Territory, for the year 1841, may be transmitted to your office of the Treas. department; which is herewith enclosed.

I am, Sir, Very respectfully
Your obedt. Serv.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

T. T. Smith Esq
Register of Treasury.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, Oct. 22. 1840.

Sir,

Please to remit, at your earliest convenience, a draft for $350. – the sum appropriated for the contingent expenses of this Territory, for the present year.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Serv.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Secretary of Treasury.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, Nov. 20. 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to notice the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult, informing that a warrant had been issued in favor of Samuel B. Knapp, Esquire, Fiscal Agent of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, for the sum of $19.268. 87/100, upon an adjusted account, &c, which would

sent to me for delivery to Mr Knapp. I have just learned that the drafts for this sum have been received by him direct from the Treasurer.

Very respectfully
Your obed.t Serv.t
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec.y of the Treasury

Executive Department
~~[illegible]~~ January 5. 1841

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, I have the honor to transmit for examination and settlement my account and vouchers for the contingent expenses of this Territory, during the year 1840.

Very respectfully
Your obed.t Serv.t
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Jesse Miller Esq
First Auditor, Treas. Dept.

Executive Department
Mineral Point March 2. 1841

Sir,

I have the honor, in accordance with a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory to transmit the accompanying schedule of lands selected within the Milwaukee land district for the use and support of a University within this Territory, and to request that the same may be reserved from sale and set apart for the purposes mentioned in the act of Congress of June 12 th 1838, granting these lands to the Territory.

Very respectfully
Your obed.t Serv.t
(Signd) Henry Dodge

To the Hon:
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, Mar. 10, 1841

To His Excy. the Gov. of Michigan,

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed copy of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, in relation to the north eastern boundary of the Territory, and to request that it be submitted to the Legislature of Michigan.

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Your Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Mineral Point Mar. 15. 1841

Sir,

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by an act of Congress entitled "an act to grant a quantity of land to the Territory of Wisconsin for the purpose of aiding in opening the Canal to connect the waters of Lake Michigan with those of Rock River," passed June 18th 1838, and also by an act of the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin Territory, entitled "An act to provide for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal," approved July 13th 1839, and an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts relating to the Milwaukee and Rock river Canal," approved July 12th 1841, I have appointed you Agent of said Territory for the purpose of negotiating and obtaining a loan of one hundred thousand dollars; the loan to be made in conformity to your appointment of this date, which is herewith enclosed, and will be handed to you by Lucius A. Lapham Esq.

I have the honor to be with great respect
Your obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Henry Dodge

Byron Kittoun Esq.
Columbus, Ohio.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, March 15. 1841

Sir,

I have this day appointed Byron Kilbourn Esq. Agent for the Territory, to negotiate the loan, in accordance with the Supplementary law passed at the last Session of the Legis. Assembly, for the construction of the Canal. I have authorized the Agent to make the deposit of the loan, when negotiated, in any of the Safety fund banks of the State of New York, in conformity to your letter addressed me by the Register and yourself on that subject. As the Canal fund will be subject to the order of the Receiver, it will be proper for you to file your bond, under your late appointment, before the loan was negotiated by the Agent. I have appointed Mr. Lapham, the Engineer, to be the bearer of the bonds to Mr. Kilbourn, to be delivered him in Columbus, Ohio, and he thinks it will require two hundred dollars to pay his necessary expenses in going and returning to Milwaukee. As you have Canal funds on hand, I think you will be justifiable in advancing the sum required by Mr Lapham for the above mentioned purpose; and, if it is deemed necessary in the passage of your account for that amount, I will give you any voucher which I may be authorized by law to give.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obed.t Serv.t
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Jno. H. Tweedy Esq
Receiver of the Canal.

Executive Department
Mineral Point, Mar. 15. 1841

Sir,

Having this day executed, in the name of the Territory,

one hundred certificates of Stock, numbered from one to one hundred inclusive, for the sum of one thousand dollars each, authorized to be issued for the purpose of obtaining a loan of one hundred thousand dollars for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal; and, having this day appointed Byron Kilbourn Esq, of Milwaukee, now at Columbus, ~~in the~~ State of Ohio, Agent to receive the same, and duly empowered him to negotiate said loan thereon; and, reposing entire confidence in your integrity, I have appointed you the Agent of the Territory to receive the said certificates and to proceed to the town of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, with the same, and to deliver them to the Said Byron Kilbourn, Agent as aforesaid.

You are also instructed, prior to the delivery of the certificates herein mentioned, to demand and receive from the Said Byron Kilbourn, Agent as aforesaid, the certificates of Stock (now in his possession); issued in the name of the Territory on the eleventh day of March, 1840, amounting to fifty thousand dollars, in certificates of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from one to fifty inclusive, and to return the same to me at this place.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedt. Svt.
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Inman A. Lapham Esq

Executive Department
Mineral Point, April 8. 1841.

Sir.

Your bond, as Receiver of Milwaukee & Rock River Canal executed on 31st ult, is received, & the Same has been approved.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Svt.
(Signd) Henry Dodge

Jno. H. Tweedy Esq
Milwaukee

The Hon:
W. Forward,
Comptroller. Sir,

Madison. Augt. 31. 1841.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt today of your letter of the 30th. July.

You state that my account as Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs has been adjusted at the Treasury, and that my salary is to take effect from the 10th. of June last.

The rule adverted to in your letter I conceive is inapplicable to this case, and therefore I protest against it. When an Officer is removed from office, it is generally understood that he is no longer in that office; but your decision is that although he is removed, and is actually out of office, yet he holds the office until it is his pleasure to surrender up the books and papers to his successor. My predecessor had the books and papers at his own residence, fifty miles from the seat of government: was it my duty to hunt him up before I could obtain the office, or my salary commence? By such a rule it will be found very difficult to get some men out of office.

I must ask of you a revision of your decision in this case (which I do most respectfully) upon the ground that I was in office, and entitled to my salary from the date of the oath of office; and that my predecessor was not in office, and could do no official act after the date of my commission, or the order of the President that he be removed. I contend that from the date of his removal until I was qualified, the Secretary of the Territory was by law the Acting Governor of the Territory.

Now an account can be stated for me at $144.23 for my salary from the 10th. of June to the 31st. of July I am unable to comprehend. If the dates are correctly given in your letter I must, of course, object to this branch of your decision also and ask for its revision.

Very &c J. D. Doty.

Executive Department.
Territory of Wisconsan.
Madison. Sept. 1. 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to notify you that all authority conferred upon you by an instrument bearing date the thirteenth day of May 1841 and signed by the late Governor of this Territory, empowering you to transfer, in the name of the Territory, certain certificates of Stock, which had been before executed by the late Executive, and all similar authority conferred upon you by any previous instruments of any other like character, is hereby revoked and annulled.

You will please to return forthwith to this Department any and all such Certificates of Stock as may now remain in your hands, or under your control, with such a report of your acts, under the authority above referred to, as you may think proper to make.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Svt.
J. D. Doty.

Byron Kilbourn Esq.
Milwaukee.
Wiskonsan Terry.

The following Estimate was forwarded to the Hon. J. L. Smith, Register of the Treasury, on the 5th. Oct. 1841.

Estimate for 1842.

Two Chief Clerks – 75 days, at $5 per day —	$750.00.
Four Transcribing Clerks – " " 3 " " — —	900.00.
Five Door Keepers, Messengers &c. 2.50 " " —	937.50.
Stationery — — — — —	600.00.
Chaplains — — — —	200.00.
Wood — — — —	500.00.
Printing for the Legislature, Laws, Journals, and the Executive Department –	5000.00.
Sawing wood. Fire-man — — —	300.00.
Furniture for the Legislative Hall and other rooms in the Capitol.	3,000.00.
Candles and Lights — — — —	200.00.
Other expenses — — — — —	2,000.00.
Pay and mileage of Members of the Legislature —	10,000.00.
Enclosing the Capitol Square — —	1,000.00.
For additions to the Territorial Library, for the continuation of Reports, Parliamentary History &c — — — — —	500.00.
	$25,887.50.

Executive Office.
Madison. Nov. 29. 1841.

Simon Luce Esq.
Librarian.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date, and you are authorised to dispose of so much of the carpeting as is not required for use in the Capitol, & for such prices as you may deem it to be worth. You will account to the Territory for the quantity disposed of, & for whatever you may receive therefor.

Yours &c J. D. Doty.

Executive Department.
Territory of Wisconsan.
Madison, Nov. 13. 1841

The Honble
Walter Forward
Secy of the Treasy.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a remittance may be made to me, at as early a day as may be convenient to the Department, of one hundred and ninety-four 44/100 dollars ($194.44), the balance, remaining undrawn from the Treasury, of the appropriation for the "Contingent expenses of Wisconsan Territory" for the current year.

Very respectfully
Your obdt. svt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department.
Territory of Wisconsan
Madison, Nov. 13. 1841.

The Honble
Daniel Webster,
Secretary of State,

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my receipt for the three boxes, containing Documents of the first session of the Twenty-sixth Congress, of the transmission of which I was notified by your communication of the 13th July last.

Very respectfully
Your obdt. svt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department,
Territory of Wisconsan
Madison. Nov. 15. 1841.

The Hon.
Daniel Webster,
Secy of State.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th September last enclosing my Commission, as Governor of this Territory, dated the 13th of that month, and to forward herewith the oath required of me by law.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yr. mo. obt. svt.

Executive Department,
Territory of Wisconsan
Madison. Dec. 6. 1841.

Alex. P. Field Esq.
Secretary of Wisconsan.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a communication, received last evening, from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, requesting to be furnished with certain information in relation to the debt of this Territory, to enable him to answer a Resolution of the House of Representatives.

As the information required is to be found, if any where, in the records and files of your office, the communication is referred to you with the request that you will report to me at as early a day as may be convenient such as can be obtained from them.

Very respectfully &c
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department,
Territory of Wisconsan.
Madison. Dec. 6. 1841.

Hon. Daniel Webster,
Secretary of State,
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of thirty six copies of the Acts of the 1st Session of the 27th. Congress, and of the letter of Fletcher Webster Esq, Acting Secretary, dated the 15th ultimo, advising me of their transmission.

Very respectfully
Your ms. obt. Svt.
J. D. Doty.

To the House of Representatives,
of the Territory of Wisconsan:

I have the honor to inform the House in reply to its Resolution of the 6th. instant, that I have communicated to the House all papers and documents in my possession relating to the resignation, or the alleged resignation, of Thomas C. Parmalee.

J. D. Doty.

Madison
Dec: 11. 1841.

Executive Department.
Madison, Dec. 13. 1841.

The Hon:
T. L. Smith,
Register,
Sir,

In your letter of Septr 3. I am asked for the "usual estimates" from this Territory, to be submitted to Congress. As there were none upon record in the Executive or Secretary's Offices, it was impossible for me to ascertain what had been the usual estimates. It was for this reason that I presented those only in relation to the Legislature.

The expenses of the Executive and Judicial branches of the government are to be estimated, I presume, separately from those of the Legislature; and the sums to be appropriated being fixed by law, they will be the same as in previous years. They have heretofore been stated as follows:

"For Compensation of the Governor, Judges and Secretary of Wisconsan Territory, nine thousand one hundred dollars."

"For Contingent expenses of the said Territory, three hundred and fifty dollars."

Very respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your most obdt. svt.
J. D. Doty.

To the Legislative Council
of the Territory of Wisconsan:

I nominate Daniel P. Hughes, Moshni Hurlbut, Joseph W. Quarles, George Bennett, Eldad Smith, Isaac Harmon, Alfred Cary, Consider Heath and Sylvester B. Peck to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Racine:

Michael Myers to be Sheriff of said County:

Thomas Wright and John B. Tillson to be Supreme Court Commissioners for said County:

Orson S. Head to be a Notary Public for said County:

And Isaac Harmon to be a Master in Chancery for said County:

Also, Augustus A. Bird to be Sheriff for the County of Dane:

And Ezra Dungin to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Green.

Which nominations are respectfully submitted to the Council.

J. D. Doty.

Executive Office.
Madison.
Dec. 14. 1841.

Executive Department.
Territory of Wisconsan.
Madison. Dec. 14. 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d ultimo, enclosing a requisition from His Excellency Gov. Carlin for the arrest

of one Carlos Sabine, otherwise called Carlos Sabin, a fugitive from justice, said to be now living in this Territory. They have been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, and the warrant for the arrest of the fugitive is herewith enclosed to you. It was issued on the day of its date, but has, inadvertently, been retained here until the present time.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
J. D. Doty.

Henry Brown Esq.
States Attorney
Cook Co. Illinois
Chicago. Ills.

Executive Department.
Madison. Dec. 20. 1841.

Hon. Moses M. Strong.
Counsel.
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this date, with the affidavit of Peter Gates Esq, accompanying it, which shall receive attention.

Very &c
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department.
Territory of Wisconsan.
Madison. Dec. 20. 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Documents printed by order of the Legislature, of Maine, at the last session thereof, and of the Seventeenth Volume of Maine Reports, for the use of the Government of this Territory; also of your letters of the 16th. ultimo, advising me of their transmission.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.
J. D. Doty.

Samuel P. Benson Esq.
Secretary of State.
Augusta.
Maine.

Executive Department.
Madison. Decr. 28. 1841.

To the Hon. Moses McStrong,
Legislative Council,
Sir,

I have examined the complaint of Peter Yates Esq, against Jonathan E. Arnold Esq, and the application for the removal of Mr Arnold from the office of District Attorney for the County of Milwaukee, presented by you to this office on the 20th. instant.

The complaint is that Mr Arnold caused a writ of certiorari to be issued, as the attorney of Lyman Goodnow, to remove a suit from the court of a Justice

of the Peace in the County of Milwaukee to the District Court of that County, which suit was entitled "Lyman Goodnow vs. Joshua Gifford"; and the Justice was required by the writ to make return of proceedings in a suit wherein Joshua Gifford was plaintiff and Lyman Goodnow defendant.

The Justice made return "that there never issued from my Court any writ or process in favor of Joshua Gifford against Lyman Goodnow; "neither is there any record of any judgment in favor "of said Gifford against said Goodnow."

The Justice then informs the Court that a complaint was made before him by Gifford against Goodnow for wilfully refusing to serve a warrant as a Constable; that he issued process against him in the name of the United States in an action of debt; and that he rendered judgment against Goodnow for the County to have and recover of him fifty dollars.

These facts are stated as set forth by Mr Yates; and if the District Court proceeded to render judgment in the last case upon the writ which was issued in the first, it would seem to have been an error of the Court and not of the Attorney.

But I am informed that the complaint against Mr Arnold, as now presented to me was submitted by Mr Yates to the Grand Jury of the County of Milwaukee, and that it was unanimously rejected by the Jury as being entirely without foundation. I cannot therefore consider the cause as set forth and after the investigation of the facts, by the jury, sufficient for the removal of Mr Arnold.

If there was actually a case before the Court in which the United States, the Territory, the

County, or a Township was interested or a party, the Court could not have permitted the District Attorney to have appeared for the defendant, as it is one of the first duties of the Court to protect the rights and interests of the public.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department.
Wisconsan Territory.
Madison. 5 Jany. 1842.

The Hon:
Jesse Miller.
First Auditor of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith my accounts for disbursements, for the "Contingent Expenses of the Territory of Wisconsan", from the 10th. of June last to the 1st. instant.

Very respectfully
Your mo. obt. servt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Office
Wisconsan Terry.
Madison. Jan. 17. 184

The Hon:
Walter Forward
Secy of the Treasy.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of the list of lands located in the Wisconsan Land District for the use of the University, by an Agent appointed by

my predecessor.

I am informed by the Register for that District that several tracts are reserved mineral lands, and a question arises whether they were granted for this purpose by the Act of Congress of June 12th, 1838.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servt.
J. D. Doty,

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory.
Madison Feb. 28. 1842.

Joshua Hathaway Esq.
Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 21st. instant, enclosing a Bond of that date for $5.000 made by yourself and L. W. Weeks, G. F. Austin and Albert Jona.

The Bond I think is informal; and there is no affidavit accompanying it that the signers are worth $5000 after all their just debts and liabilities are paid.

But the condition recites that you have "been elected Receiver of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal." I do not perceive there is an officer by this name known to the law.

The power to appoint all civil officers in this Territory, created in virtue of the Act to establish the Territorial government, is vested by the Act of Congress in the Governor and Council, and cannot be exercised by the Assembly.-

The Board of Canal Commissioners, created

by the Act to aid in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal, are required by that Act, as also by the Acts of Congress, to be appointed by the Governor and Council.

There is no evidence in the Executive Office that you were so appointed.

For these reasons your Bond is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department,
Wisconsin Territory.
Madison, Feby 28. 1842

N. W. Hatch Esq.
Sir,

There is no evidence in this Office that you have been appointed to the Office of Register of the Board of Canal Commissioners according to the Act of Congress and of the Act of the Territory passed in 1839 to provide for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal.

And if you had been so appointed, the Bond which you enclosed to this Office in your letter of the 21st. inst. is informal and insufficient; and is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. Svt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Wisconsin Terry.
Madison March 4. 42

Charles Stevens Esq.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excy. the Governor to inform you that your Commission as Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Rock, dated the 21st January last, is revoked, and that another gentleman has been appointed in your place.

Very respectfully
Your obed. Servt.
Abt. W. Paris.
Priv. Secy.

Executive Department.
Wisconsin Territory.
Madison. March 4. 42

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that the commission of Charles Stevens, dated the 21st. January last, as Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Rock, is this day revoked.

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
Abt. W. Paris.
Priv. Secy.

To the
Clerk of the
District Court for the
County of Rock.
Janesville

Executive Department
Madison, Mch 2.

Mr. J. Eastman
Pleasant Prairie

Sir,

In compliance with the request of the citizens of Bristol, communicated in your letter of the 25th. ult. I transmit herewith copies of the petitions on file in this office for the appointment of Horace L. Hill to be a Justice of the Peace in that town. Some of the signatures are scarcely legible, but they have been copied as accurately as possible.

It would give me pleasure to forward the originals to you, but I cannot do so, consistently with a rule which has been adopted, the propriety of which will be obvious to retain all such papers in this office, where appointments have been made upon them.

Very respectfully
Your obedt. servt.
J. D. Doty.

Madison, Wisconsin
March 28th. 1842.

Gentlemen,

I have today received your letter of the 23d of March, and have issued a proclamation for the sale of the lands according to the former notice and your application.

The laws passed at the last session of the Assembly are published in a paper,

which by this mail is sent to the address of Thomas J. Noyes Esq.

No copy of the Memorial or Resolutions passed by that body can be obtained at present, as the Secretary is absent from the Territory, and his partner is also absent from town.

Yr

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
J. D. Doty.

James Sanderson, Esq.
Geo. W. Bowman, Esq.
Thos. J. Noyes Esq.
Board of Canal Commrs.

Executive Department.
Madison, Mch 29. 1842.

The Hon.
M. M. Jackson
Attorney General

Sir,

Your opinion is requested upon the letters herewith enclosed from the Receiver and Register of the Board of Canal Commissioners, whether there is any process by which the Territory can recover the possession of the Bonds, funds books and papers lately in the hands of Messrs. Sweedy and Mutti, and which are now secreted by them or their friends. If there is, you will please to institute without delay such proceeding as may be necessary to secure the public interests.

Messrs. Sweedy and Mutti gave bonds (which are now on file in this office) for the faithful performance of their

duties. If in your opinion this refusal of theirs to deliver their offices to their successors is not a faithful performance of their duties, and that they have therefore been guilty of a breach of the conditions of those bonds, you are hereby authorised to commence a suit against them for the breach.

It is very desirable there should be no delay in this matter, as the settlers upon the Canal Grant, and others, have occasion daily to refer to the maps, papers and bonds thus embezzled.

Very respectfully
Your obdt. Svt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department.
Madison. Wisconsin Terry.
April 25th. 1842.

The Hon. W. Forward,
Secretary of the Treas.
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th. of March I have the honor to state that it is impossible to give from the records which I have received from my predecessor any specific information of the amount of the public debt of this Territory. It only appears that he issued on the 15th of March 1841 certificates or Bonds amounting to one hundred thousand dollars, which he delivered to an agent for negotiation. The agent reports that he has disposed of $56.000; and has now returned to me the residue which remained unsold. The legislature

at its late session repudiated all but one of these Bonds sold by the Agent, amounting to one thousand dollars.

One R. L. Ream, acting as Territorial Treasurer, issued on or about the 25th. of March 1841 Bonds bearing ten per cent. interest, amounting to seven thousand two hundred dollars. They do not appear to have been issued by any proper authority; but I believe they have been sold - the Territory having derived very little benefit from the sale.

The Legislature has, for several years, held its sessions before the appropriations have been made by Congress to pay their expenses. The consequence has been, that when the day of adjournment arrived, finding themselves without money, they have either borrowed at a large interest the amount required to meet their extravagant expenditures, or directed the Secretary to issue bonds or certificates, pledging the faith and credit of the Territory and whatever appropriation may be made by Congress. The Secretary of the Territory informed me, verbally, that he has received from his predecessors no record of these issues, and it is therefore impossible to ascertain whether those persons have taken up these bonds with the money which has been annually appropriated by Congress. Their accounts may have been settled at the Treasury upon the vouchers they received from the persons to whom the bonds were

issued, but the bonds may yet be outstandin in the hands of innocent holders. If this wh not the case, the difference between the amount of the acts of appropriation by the Assembly, adding thereto the pay and mileage of the members, and the sums appropriated by Congress for the pay and expenses of the Assembly, would correctly show the amount of this branch of the debt.

You will therefore perceive that the failure of the Secretaries to preserve in the office an account of their payments to Members and others, and to deposit in the office the Certificates or Bonds when cancelled, deprives me of the power to make an accurate statement of this legislative debt. It was estimated by the Secretary, and so stated in my Message to the Assembly on the 10th. of December last, at "about Thirty nine thousand dollars."

To this may be added the excess of the pay and expenses of the Legislature and its officers at the session ending the 18th. of February last, beyond the Estimates presented by your Department to Congress in December last, supposed to be about Sixteen Thousand dollars.

The Debt created, during the administration of this government by Governor Dodge, by the officers of the Territory and Counties, for Legislative, Canal and County purposes is estimated to have amounted to about Three Hundred Thousand Dollars. If Congress continues to pay the arrearages of the Expenses of the Legislature it is hoped that a very good

sum will remain for payment at the County and Territorial Treasuries. But I feel confident that it is the disposition of the people of the Territory that every Debt created in the name of the Territory or on its faith shall be paid, altho' those debts have been created and the avails squandered by the political leaches who have infested her limits from the first year of her separate existence.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your most obt. svt.
J. D. Doty.

P.S. I have not stated the several items of the debt in a Tabular form for the reason that they are only estimated both as to their character and amount.
J. D. D.

Executive Department
Wiskonsan Territory
Madison, April 28, 1842

The Hon. J. C. Spencer
Secretary of War

Sir, It appears by the report of the Ordnance Department that this territory is entitled to receive at the rate of 49 Muskets per annum for each of the years 1840-'41 & '42 for arming its militia.

I request that these arms may be furnished in pistols, sabres, and Cavalry accoutrements. They may be sent from the Detroit Arsenal to the Commanding Officer at Fort Winnebago, care of Nathan Goodell at Astor, Green Bay; that Fort being situated on the navigable waters of Neenah or Fox river, to be delivered by him on order, and delivery to him of my receipt therefor.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
D. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Madison, Wiskonsan
June 23, 1842

To,
Joshua Hathaway Esq.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th instant enclosing a Bond in which it is recited that you have "been elected Receiver of the Milwaukee

and Rock River Canal"

The bond is herewith again returned because I deem it informal and insufficient and because you have not been duly appointed to the office of Receiver of the Bond of Canal Commissioners.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Wisconsin Terr.
Madison, July 2, 1842

The Hon. Walter Forward
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request a remittance, at as early a day as may be convenient, of three hundred and fifty Dollars, the sum appropriated for the contingent expenses of this Territory for the current year, to be charged to and accounted for by me.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectly.
Your Obt. Servt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
July 14, 1842

The Hon. W. Forward
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 24th of June, and in reply thereto, to inform you that the Legislature of this Territory has made no appointment of a person to receive the sum to which the Territory is entitled by the provisions of the act entitled "an act to appropriate the ~~sales~~ proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant preemption rights," approved Sept. 4, 1841

In compliance therefore with the terms of the 3rd section of said act I respectfully make application, as the Governor of this Territory, that the sum of money due to it as the nett proceeds of the sales of the public lands to the first day of the present month may be remitted to me in such manner as may be most convenient to the treasury - As no immediate application of the fund is required by Law, I take the liberty of suggesting that Treasury notes bearing the usual rate of interest would be most advantageous to the Territory -

I have the honor to be, sir
very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt -
J. D. Doty -

Executive Dept.
Madison, Wisconsin
July 20, 1842

A. P. Field Esq.
Secretary of the Territory
Sir,

Contracts having been entered into for clearing and enclosing the grounds about the Capitol, and the contractors now requiring, in accordance with the stipulations in the contracts an advance of funds proportionate to the amount of work done, I have to request that you will deliver to Mr. Parris, who will hand you my receipt therefor, the amount appropriated for that purpose by the following item in the act passed by the Legislative Assembly, on the 19th of February last, viz. "For clearing and enclosing the grounds about the Capitol, to be expended under the direction of the Governor, One thousand Dollars".

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
July 22nd 1842

The Hon. Walter Forward
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of a correspondence between the Secretary of the Territory and myself in relation to an appropriation for enclosing

the Capitol Square. If the Secretary has not received the appropriation I respectfully make application that the amount may be remitted either to him or myself for this ~~purpose~~ object, and if to him, that he may be specially instructed to pay. You will perceive that this item was estimated for by the Secretary of the Treasury, was appropriated by the act of the Territorial Legislature, and was expressly enumerated and appropriated by Congress. It is therefore supposed that it ought not to be applied to any other object. If the Secretary of the Territory is limited in his payments by the instructions of the Department to the several items as estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury, omitting those which were stricken out by Congress; it will establish the most just and equitable rule; and a sufficient sum will be left to meet this appropriation.

But the item "for enclosing the Capitol Square", being named in the act of Congress, and the object being for the preservation of the public property, is independent, I think, of the expenses of the Legislature; and considering the wasteful character of their expenditures, ought to be more favorably regarded by the Treasury Department, as it was by Congress.

I feel the more anxious that this item should be paid (at least its

equal proportion of the whole sum of twenty thousand Dollars appropriated) because the laborers and Mechanics have advanced with the work so far that the enclosure will be completed by the 15th of August, according to their contract, and you will perceive that as they have progressed with the work they have had every reason to believe, from the estimate of the Treasury and the terms of the appropriation by Congress, that they would be paid when it was finished. Besides they are poor men, and wholly dependent upon their labor for support.

I have the honor &c.

J. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Madison, Wiskonsan
July 25th 1842

J. E. Arnold Esq.

Sir,

In reply to your verbal application as the Attorney of Mr. Hathaway, to approve a Bond presented by you and made by Joslina Hathaway and others, I have to state that this bond was rejected by the Executive on the 28th of February last and again on the 23rd of June last, and for the reasons then given, as also for other reasons which must be apparent to any one who will compare the bond with the acts of Congress and of the Territorial Legislature. From

again decline, as the Governor of Wisconsan approving of said Bond.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
J. D. Doty.

Madison, Wisconsan
August 2, 1842

To the Commanding Officer
Fort Snelling

Sir,

The Secretary of War has suggested the propriety of appointing Justices of the Peace near the Military Garrisons of the U.S. I shall be obliged to you if you will recommend to me some suitable person for this appointment who resides on the East Side of the Mississippi, and who is a Citizen of the U. S.

I have, &c.
J. D. Doty.

Executive Department
Madison, Augt. 15, 1842

To — —
Sheriff of the County of —

Sir,

Enclosed are several Copies of a proclamation, which you will please cause posted at the places where the election is to be held in your County.

You are also requested to have a Deputy at each Precinct on the day of the election, and to instruct him if the judges should neglect or refuse to hold a Poll or to receive ballots upon the question of State Government, to hold one himself, and make his returns to you of the number of votes received for or against it, the aggregate of which you will please return to this Office as soon as practicable after the election

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J. D. Doty

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsan
Sept. 26, 1842

The Hon. J. L. Smith
Register of the Treasury

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 7th September I have the honor to submit the following estimate for the half year ending the 30th June 1843, of appropriations for the support of the government of Wisconsan: to wit.

For the Salary of the Governor, as governor and Superintendant of Indian affairs, according to the act of April 20, 1836 - - - - - - - - $1250.00

For the salaries of the Chief Justice and two associate Judges at One thousand eight hundred Dollars each, annually - 2700.00

For the Salary of the Secretary of the Terry 600.00

For contingent expenses of the Territory — — — 175.00
4725.00

For compensation of the members of the Legislative Assembly as follows; to wit:

For pay of members, 75 days each at $3 per day $6750.00
For mileage — — — — — — — — — — 400.00
For extra pay to the Speaker of the House and President of the Council, each $3. per day 450.00
7600.00

For the expenses of the Legislative Assembly —

For pay of one Clerk and one Assistant Clerk for each House, and one Clerk for the Executive office, at $3 each per day — 75 Days $1125.00
For a door keeper, messenger, and fireman for each House at $3 per day 1350.00
For printing for the House, Council, and Executive Departments — — — — 3000.00
For printing the Laws and Documents and the Journals of each house — — — — 2000.00
For One Chaplain for each House, each $100. 200.00
For stationery, fuel, and lights — — — 1000.00
For furniture for the Legislative Halls and Executive Room — — — — — 2000.00
For additions to the Library, for the continuation of Reports, parliamentary history, &c. — — 500.00
For all "other incidental expenses" — — — 500.00
11,675.00
$24000.00

And for the year ending 30th June, 1844 Respectfully submit the following estimate —

For the Salary of the Governor as Governor and as Superintendant of Indian Affairs — — — $2500.00
For the salaries of the Chief Justice and two

associate judges each eighteen hundred Dollars — 5400.00
For the salary of the Secretary of the Territory — 1200.00
For the contingent expenses of the Territory per act of April 20, 1836 — — — — — — — 350.00
9450.00

For compensation of the members of the legislative assembly, to wit:
For pay of members, 75 days each, at $3 per day $6750.00
For mileage — — — — — — — — 400.00
For extra pay to the Speaker of the House & the President of the Council $3 each per day 450.00 — 7600.00
For the expenses of the legislative Assembly, to wit:
For pay of one Clerk and one assistant clerk for each house, and one clerk for the Executive office, each $3 per day — $1125.00
For a door keeper, messenger, and fireman for each house, each $3 per day — — — 1350.00
For printing for the House, Council, and Executive Department — — — — — — — — 3000.00
For printing the Laws and documents and the Journals of each House — — — — — — 2000.00
For one Chaplain for each house, each $100. — 200.00
For stationery, fuel, and lights — — — — 1000.00
For additions to the Library, the continuation of Reports, parliamentary history &c. 500.00
For all other incidental expenses — — — 500.00 — 9675.00
$ 26,725.00

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servt.
J. D. Doty

Madison, W. T. Oct. 20, 1842

[redacted]

Gentlemen,

I am instructed by the Governor of Wiskonsan Territory to transmit to you a copy of a communication from the War Department which is enclosed herein.

Yours Respectfully

[redacted]

(Copy)

War Department
Office Indian Affairs
Sept. 28, 1842

Sir,

Your letter of 24th ult., to the Secretary of War enclosing a communication from Messrs. McNeil & Elmore asking permission to occupy a part of the Winnebago (Munnomonee) lands for a Mill Dam, has been referred to this office. I am instructed by the Secretary to inform you that the Department has no right to give such permission and that the request cannot therefore be granted.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Serv.
T. Hartley Crawford

His Exc.y
J. D. Doty
Madison
Wiskonsan.

The above Letter has been recorded in this book by accident

Madison, Wisconsin
Oct: 26; 1842

To George Mepersmith Esq.
Sheriff of the County of Iowa.

Sir,

Herewith I enclose to you a warrant for the execution of the ~~[illegible]~~ sentence of the Court upon William Coffee, together with the record of his conviction.

You will make known to him and his friends that I have examined the petitions (numerously signed) which have been presented to me in his behalf, in support of the application to pardon or change his punishment to imprisonment for a term of years.

I have given much attention to the facts as well as to the reasons suggested, but am constrained to say that I do not perceive that there is any ~~reason~~ sufficient cause why I should change the sentence of the Court, for the Executive is as much bound by the Law as the Court or Jury.

There is little doubt that if Coffee had not lived in a Society in which the practice of carrying about the person concealed weapons, was not only tolerated, but considered rather as distinguishing the gentleman, than the ruffian or bully, he would not have been guilty of Shedding Southwick's blood. It is painful to see the effect of this barbarous custom visited upon one so young: but I do not learn that since his confinement he has exhibited any evidence of contrition, or that he is fully sensible that his situation

which has awakened so strong a sympathy in the bosoms of his friends is occasioned by his violation of the laws of his country, or that he is yet ignorant that those laws are dead, and that one man has the right to take the life of another for any private injury —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
J. D. Doty —

Wisconsin Territory —
Executive Department —
Madison, June 1, 1843 —

The Hon
S. C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury —

Sir —

I have the honor to request a remittance, at as early a day as may be convenient, of one hundred and seventy five dollars, the sum appropriated for the contingent expenses of this Territory for the half year ending the 30th, of June 1843 —

I have the honour to be —
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J. D. Doty —

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin
Sept. 25. 1843.

The Hon.
J. L. Smith.
Register of the Treasury

Sir.

In compliance with the request contained in your Letter of the 1st instant I have the honour to submit the following Estimate of appropriations for the support of the government of Wisconsin, for the half year ending the 31st of December 1844 —

For the Salary of the Governor, as governor and as Superintendent of Indian Affairs — half year — $1250.00

For the Salaries of the Chief Justice and two associate judges, each nine hundred dollars — — — — 2700.00

For the Salary of the Secretary of the Territory — — — — 600.00

For the contingent expenses of the Territory, per act of April 20. 1836 — — — 175.00

$4725.00

For compensation of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, for a Session to commence on the first Monday in December 1844 — to wit:

For pay of Members of the House and Council — 39 — 75 days each at $3. per day — $8775.00

For mileage — — — 900.00

For extra pay to the Speaker of the House and President of the Council, each $3. per day — — — — 450.00

For the Expenses of the Legislative Assembly, to wit:

For pay of one clerk and one assistant clerk for each House, and one clerk for the Executive Office during the Session, each $3. per day for 75 days each	$1125.00
For a door keeper, messenger and fireman for each House, and a fireman for the Executive office each $3. per day 75 days each	1575.00
For printing for the House, Council and Executive Department including the printing of commissions, proclamations and official Letters	3000.00
For printing the Laws, documents and journals of each House and the Reports of the Supreme court	2000.00
For stationery, fuel, lights and postages for the Members of each House and the Governor	1500.00
For one chaplain for each House - each $100	200.00
For additions to the Library, the continuation of Reports, Parliamentary History &c	500.00
For all other incidental expenses	500.00
Legislative Department	$20.525.00
Executive Department and Judiciary	4,725.00
	$25.250.00

And for the half year ending the 30th. June 1845, I respectfully submit the following Estimate -

For the salary of the Governor, as Governor and as Superintendent of Indian Affairs, according to the act of April 20. 1836 half year.	$1250.00
For the salaries of the Chief Justice and two associate Judges, nine hundred dollars each	2700.00

For the salary of the Secretary of the Territory — $600.00
For the contingent expenses of the Territory per act of April 20. 1836 — — — — 175.00
$4,725.00

In my Estimate for the year ending the 30th June 1844, an error accidentally occurred, which I beg leave to correct by asking an additional appropriation at the coming Session of Congress.

"For pay and mileage of Members of the Legislative Assembly, for the Session to commence on the first Monday in December 1843 — — — — $2525.00"

I have the honour to be, very respectfully
Your Most Obt. Svt.

J. D. Doty.

P.S. As an act of Congress of August 26. 1842 requires that every object of appropriation shall be estimated for and approved by Congress, I beg leave to ask that the enumeration of items may be enumerated as in the preceding Estimates —

Executive Department
Wisconsin Ty.
Madison March 12. 1844

The Hon.
S. R. Spencer,
Sec. of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to request the usual remittance, at as early a day as may be convenient, of three hundred and fifty dollars, the sum appropriated for the Contingent Expenses of the Territory for the current year - to be charged to and accounted for by me -

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.

E. D. Doty -

Executive Department
Madison, Wisconsin Territory
Oct 18th 1844.

Wm. J. L. Smith
Auditor of the Treasury

Sir:

In compliance with the requests contained in your letters of the 2d & 16th of Sept last. I have the honor to submit the following Estimate of Appropriations for the support of the government of Wisconsin for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1846. Pursuant to the practice which has prevailed in this Department, I have made the estimates by the half year as follows.

For the half year ending the 31st Dec 1845.

For the salary of the Governor, as Governor and as Superintendent of Indian Affairs (half year)	$ 1.250..00
For the salaries of the Chief Justice & two Associate Judges, each $900.00	2.700..00
For the salary of the Secretary of the Territory	600..00
For the Contingent expenses of the Territory, as per Act of April 20th 1836	175..00
Amount for Executive Department & Judiciary	4.725..00

For Compensation of Members of the Legislative Assembly, for a session to commence the 1st Monday in January 1846, to wit

For pay of Members of the House & Council 39 75 days each, at $3 per day	8.775..00
For Mileage	900..00
For extra pay to the Speaker of the House and President of the Council, each $3, per day	450..00
For the expenses of the Legislative Assembly to wit For pay of one Clerk and one Assistant Clerk for each House and one Clerk for the Executive office during the session each at $2 per day for 75 days	1.125..00
	$ 11.250..00

Amt brot forward	11.250.00
For a door keeper, messenger and fireman for each House, and a fireman for the Executive office, each $3 per day, 75 days each	1.575.00
For printing for the House & Council & Executive Departments, including the printing of Commissions, proclamations & official letters.	3.000.00
For printing the Laws, documents & journals of each House, and the Reports of the Supreme Court.	2.000.00
For stationery, fuel, lights & postages for the Members of each House & Governor	1.500.00
For one Chaplain for each House each $100.	200.00
For additions to the Library, the continuation of Reports, Parliamentary History &c	500.00
For all other incidental expenses	500.00
	$9.275.00
	$20,525.00
And Executive Departments & Judiciary	4.725.00
	$25,250.00

For the half year ending 30th June 1846.
as follows

For the salary of the Governor, as Governor and as Superintendant of Indian Affairs, according to the Act of April 20th 1836 (half year)	1.250.00
For the salaries of the Chief Justice & two Associate Judges $900. each	2.700.00
For the salary of the Secretary of the Territory	600.00
For the contingent expenses of the Territory per act of April 20th 1836.	175.00
	$4.725.00
For half year ending Dec 31. 1845	$25.250.00
Aggregate amt, for fiscal year ending 30 June 1846	$29.975.00

My unconnection with the Executive Department of the Territory is my apology for not transmitting the above estimates at an earlier day.

I have the honor to
Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Tallmadge

Wisconsin Territory
Executive Department
Madison Oct. 21st 1844.

Geo. A. Tanner Esq
Milwaukie
Sir:

You bond with surety, for the faithful execution of the duties of the office of Notary Public, to which you have been appointed has been received, and approved.

Very respectfully &c
N. P. Tallmadge
Pres: Secy.

Wisconsin Territory,
Executive Department
Madison, Oct 21st 1844

Hon. J. A. Blake
Comr: Genl: Land Office
Sir:

Just previous to my leaving the City of Washington, I received your letter in relation to the reservation of lands within two miles of the Wisconsin & Fox rivers. I have made enquiry in the subject since my arrival here, and recommend that it be no longer continued.

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
N. P. Tallmadge

Wisconsin Territory,
Executive Department,
Madison, Oct. 24th 1844,

Hon. T. C. Smith
Register of the Treasury.

Sir,

Since sending you my estimate for the support of the Government of Wisconsin for the year ending 30th June 1846, I have submitted them to a gentleman of experience, John Catlin Esq, Clerk of the last House of Representatives, and Member elect of the present Legislative Council. He recommends, that there be added,

For Mileage of Members of the Legislature	$150,00
For 1 additional Clerk to each House	450,00
For the Librarian, who is by law, "Superintendent of Territorial property"	300,00
	$900,00

In the above recommendation I fully concur, and desire that these items be considered as a part of my estimates. I enclose Mr Catlin's communication to me on the subject.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. P. Fallmadge

Copy of Mr Catlin's letter referred to above,

Gov. Fallmadge,
Sir

In looking over the estimates furnished me, I would suggest the propriety of adding to it the following items.

(over)

Add to the Pay of Members of the Legislature — $150
Add for Compensation of Additional Clerk to each house 450
" for Chaplain, Use & Superintendent of Penitential Property — 300
$900

With these I make the total amount of the Estimate $30,875 — It is proper to remark that the Legislature have found it difficult to get along without an additional Clerk to each house, & a Messenger was sent to Congress on that subject last Winter — Two Clerks were also employed last Winter, & an item has existed in the Appropriation bill to pay them, not as Clerks, but "for writing done for the Legislature", and these items I am informed have been allowed by the Treasury Department.

With respect
Your Obt Serv
John Catlin

R. M. Updegraff Esq
Milwaukee

Territorial Treasury
Executive Department
Madison Nov 6th 1848

Sir:

Herewith find vouchers for the justified accounts of the auditor of the office of Attorney General, to which you have been appointed, has been received and approved.

Very respectfully
Your obt Serv
J. T. Tallmadge
Pro. Tem.

Territorial Territory
Executive Department
Madison Nov 9th 1844

Henry Funck Esq
Southport W.T.

Sir: You bond, with surety, for the faithful execution of the duties of the office of Notary Public, for which you have been appointed has been accepted

I am respectfully &c
S.S. Tallmadge
Priv Secy.

His Excellency the
Governor of Pa. Harrisburg Pa.

Wis. Ter. Ex. Dept
Madison Nov 11th 1844

Sir: I am requested by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 volumes of the Laws of Pennsylvania, entitled "Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the Session of 1844."

I have the honor to be &c
S.S. Tallmadge Priv Secy.

His Excellency the
Governor of Md. Annapolis Md.

Wis. Terry. Ex Dept
Madison Nov 11th 1844

Sir: I am requested by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of the following documents of the State of Maryland, Annual Message of the Executive, to the General Assembly of Maryland Dec Sess 1843. Laws passed by the General Assembly of the State of Md. Dec Sess '43. Journal of the Proceedings of the ~~House~~ Senate of Md Dec Sess '43. Journal of the Proceedings of the House of Delegates of the State of Md. Dec Sess '43

I have the honor to be &c
S.S. Tallmadge Priv Secy

His Excellency the
Governor of Mich. Detroit Mich

Wis Terry Ex Dept
Madison Nov 11th 1844

Sir I am requested by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 volumes entitled "The Laws of Michigan 1844."

I have the honor to be &c
S.S. Tallmadge Priv Secy

Interior Territory
Executive Department
Madison Nov 11th 1844

His Excellency the
Governor of Florida Territory

Sir: I have received by the Governor Richardson
the receipt for the Public land of Alum Island.
I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt
F. D. Gallaway Pro-Sec'y.

His Excellency the
Governor of Florida Territory

Nov Terry Ex. Dept.
Madison Nov 11th 1844

Sir: I have received by the Governor Richardson
the receipt for the land of the State of Florida and
the balance of the appropriation of 1843 and 1844.
I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt
F. D. Gallaway Pro-Sec'y.

Gen. W. Campbell Esq.
Pensacola

Madison F. T.
Dec. 8th 1844

Sir: I have received by the Governor
the sum of $[illegible] for the Pensacola Academy and
the balance of the appropriation of $[illegible] for the Academy at Tallahassee
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
F. D. Gallaway Pro-Sec'y.

James S. Brown Esq
Milwaukie

Wisconsin Territory
Executive Department
Madison Dec 17th 1844

Sir: Your bond with surety, for the faithful execution of the audit of the office of Notary Public, to which you have been appointed has been received.

I am &c. S. Salmadge Pro Secy

To/Hon. J. Huntly Crawford
Comr. Ind. Affairs

Wisconsin Territory
Executive Department
Madison, January 9th 1845.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th ult., recommending legislative action against the introduction of ardent spirits amongst the Indians — I have transmitted your communication to the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, now in session, and urged the necessity of legislation on this subject —

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Talmadge

Messrs. Jared L. Rathbone
Erastus Corning
Lyman Chapin,
& Joel Rathbone.

Madison W.T.
Janry 20th 1845.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of Nov. 19th was duly received. There is no fund within the control of the Executive Department, out of which the interest due on the bonds you hold can be paid. I will refer your communication to the Legislative Assembly, now in session, in the hope that provision

will be made for all just demands against the Territory.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Talmadge

A. P. Field Esq
Sir:

Executive Department
Madison, N. J. Jany 20. 1845

Your letter of Oct 12th was duly received. I will refer the claim of Mr Cosens, for the arrest of Caffee, to the Legislative Assembly, now in session in the hope that provision will be made for all just demands against the Territory. There is no fund within the control of the Executive Department, out of which the claim of Mr. Cosens could be paid.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Talmadge

Messrs Benton & Garfield
Gentlemen.

Executive Department
Madison N. J. Jany 20th 1845

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication, in relation to a claim against the Territory for stationery furnished. There is no fund under the control of the Executive Department out of which your claim could be paid. I will submit it to the Legislative Assembly now in session, in the hope that provision will be made for all just demands against the Territory.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Talmadge

John S. Littell Esq

Sir:

Executive Department
Madison, N.J. Jany 21st 1845.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Nov, presenting a claim against the Territory for the Law Library, furnished from January 1838 to Sept 1844 both inclusive. There is no fund under the control of this Department, out of which the bill can be paid. I will submit it to the Legislative Assembly now in session, in the hope that provision will be made for all just demands against the Territory.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Tallmadge

William Curtis Noyes Esq

Dear Sir:

Executive Department
Madison, N.J. Jany 21st 1845.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, in relation to a certain bond for $150 which you hold against the Territory. Mr. Floyd, the Secretary of the Territory, informs me that he shall be in the receipt of funds in the course of the winter, to pay your claim and others of a like character. He requests that you will forward your bond to some person at this place authorized to receive the amount due, and it will be paid on the receipt of funds, which are anticipated from the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Tallmadge

Thomas P. Treadwell Esq
Secy, State, Concord N. H.

Wisconsin Territory
Executive Department
Madison Jany 22d 1845

Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the New Hampshire Geological Report, transmitted with your letter of the 4th inst.

I am respectfully
Your obt Svt
S. S. Tallmadge Sec'y.

Hon Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Jany 27th 1845

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of a Memorial to Congress, of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers. I deem it proper also to state, that I have this day forwarded a like copy to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Tallmadge

To the President of the Senate

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Jany 27th 1845

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of a Memorial to Congress, of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Tallmadge

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Executive Department
Madison W. T. Jany 27th 1845

Sir: I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of a Memorial to Congress, of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Talmadge

G. Talcott Esq
Lt. Col. Ordnance

Executive Department
Madison, W. T. Jany 27th 1845

Sir: Your letter, in relation to the quota and ascription of arms for this Territory for the year 1845 was duly received. I submitted it to the Adjutant General, and I cannot better answer your enquiries than by sending you his reply to my communication. I fully concur in his suggestions and recommendations. Let the arms be sent to the care of Genl. Levi Hubbell, Milwaukie, Wisconsin Territory.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Talmadge

E. Coles Lambert Esq
Philadelphia

Wisconsin Territory
Executive Department
Madison Jany 29th 1845

Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst, making application for the appointment of Commissioner of deeds for the Territory, to reside in Pennsylvania; and to state in reply, that the Statutes of Wisconsin contain no

provision for any appointment of this character.

I am respectfully
Your obt Svt
S. S. Tallmadge Priv. Secy.

Hon. Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Jany 30th 1845.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit certified copies of Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin of the following titles to wit.

"Resolutions providing means for the payment of the debts of the Territory of Wisconsin".

"Resolutions concerning a light house at Sauk harbor".

"Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin asking Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river".

"Resolutions relative to the extinguishment of the Indian title to the land north of the Fox river".

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Tallmadge

To the Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Jany 30th 1845

Sir: I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, relative to the extinguishment of the Indian title to the land north of the Fox river — also, Resolutions asking Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river,

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt N. P. Tallmadge

To the President of the Senate.

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Jany 30th 1844

Sir: I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, relative to the extinguishment of the Sioux Indian title to lands north of the St Croix river — also Resolutions asking Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Sheboygan river —

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Talmadge

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Feb 11th 1845

Sir: I have the honor to transmit certified copies of Memorials of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin asking Congress for appropriations for certain roads and to establish certain roads therein named.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Talmadge

A similar letter was addressed to the President of the Senate.

Hon Henry Dodge
Sir:

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Feb 11th 1845

I have the honor to transmit certified copies of memorials of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin of the following titles to wit.

Memorial to the Congress of the United States, relative to a United States road from the Falls of St Croix, to La Pointe on Lake Superior

Memorial to Congress for a United States road leading from Fort Howard Green Bay to Fort Wilkins Copper Harbor on Lake Superior—

Memorial to Congress on the subject of a mail route.

I would state that similar copies have been forwarded to the presiding officers of both Houses.

I am respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Tallmadge

Hon. Henry Dodge

Sir:

Executive Department
Madison Feb 17th 1845.

I have the honor to enclose a certified copy of a Joint Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, relative to the establishment of certain mail routes therein mentioned.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Tallmadge

To The Hon Henry Dodge

Sir.

Executive Department
Madison, W.T. Feb 20th 1845

I have the honor to enclose you a certified copy of a Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, relative to a road from Prairie du Chien to Lapointe on Lake Superior. A copy has also been sent to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
N. P. Tallmadge

To The President of the Senate

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Feb 20th 1845

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a certified copy of a memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin relative to a road from Prairie au Chien to La Pointe on Lake Superior.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Talmadge

A similar letter was addressed to the Speaker of the House of Rep

Hon. Nancy Dodge
Sir:

Executive Department
Madison, W.T. Feb 22d 1845

I have the honor to enclose a certified copy of a Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, on the subject of a Penitentiary. Copies have also been sent to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Talmadge

To The President of the Senate.

Executive Department
Madison W.T. Feb 22d 1845

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a certified copy of a Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, on the subject of a Penitentiary

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
N. P. Talmadge

A similar letter was addressed to the Speaker of the House of the

To the President of the Senate.

Executive Department
Madison Feb 28th A.D. 1845

Sir: I have the honor to enclose certified copies of a Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin on the subject of the Canal lands.

A Joint Resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to defray the expenses of taking a census of the inhabitants of Wisconsin Territory, and for the holding a convention to form a State constitution

Memorial to Congress on the subject of a mail route.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
S. P. Darrnadge

Similar letters were addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Hon Henry Dodge delegate in Congress.

To the Hon Secretary of the Treasury of the United States,

Executive Department
Madison, W.T. March 5th 1845

Sir:

At the recent session of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, an Agent was appointed to select the lands which have not yet been selected, and reserved and set apart by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, by virtue of an act of Congress, approved 18th June 1838, entitled, "An Act concerning a seminary of learning in the Territory of Wisconsin". By a resolution of the Legislative Council, I was called on for information on this subject. The enclosed communication furnishes all the information in this office.

I shall, probably, soon be called upon

by the Agents to know the quantity of land which remains to be selected. This information I cannot give, until it is ascertained by the Secretary of the Treasury, whether the lands selected in the Fond du Lac District, or any portion of them, are to or have been, reserved and set apart by him for the purpose aforesaid. I beg leave to ask the early attention of the Secretary to this subject, and remain.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
N. P. Tallmadge

Executive Dept. W. T.
Madison Oct 3rd 1845

To the Hon
R. J. Walker
Secretary of Treasury

Sir

I respectfully call your attention to a letter from the late Gov. Tallmadge dated on the 5th of March 1845, addressed to your Department on the subject of the reserved Lands set apart by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, by virtue of an act of Congress approved 12th June 1838. "Concerning a Seminary of Learning in this Territory of Wisconsin." It is important to ascertain from your Dept. whether the Lands situated in the Reserved Fond du Lac District or any portion of them are to be or have been reserved, or set apart for the purposes aforesaid. I have the honor &c

Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison Sept 30. 1845

Hon R. H. Gillet
Register of the
Treasury

Sir.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st inst. I have the honor to submit the following estimate of appropriations for the support of the Government of Wisconsin for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1847.

Pursuant to the practice which has heretofore been adopted in this Department, I have made the estimates by the half year as follows

For the half year ending 31st Decr 1846.

For the Salary of the Governor as Governor & Supt of Ind affs 1/2	$1250.00
For the Salaries of the Chief Justice and two associate Judges Each $900.	2,700.00
For the Salary of the Secretary of the Territory	600.00
For the Contingent Expenses of the Territory as per act of April 20. 1836.	175.00
Amt for Exec & Judiciary	$4725.00

For Compensation of Members of the Legislative Assembly, for a Session to Commence the 1st Monday in January 1847 to wit:

For pay of Members of the House Council 39 – 75 days Ea at $3 per day	$8,775.00
" Mileage	1,050.00
For extra pay to the Speaker of the House and President of the Council Ea $3 per day	450.00
For the Expenses of the Legislative Assembly to wit: For pay of Chief, Assistant and Engrossing Clerks & one Clerk for the Executive Office during the Session Each $3 per day for 75 days	1,575.00
For a door Keeper, Messenger & fireman for Each House and a fireman for the Executive office and Committee Rooms 75 days Each @ $3 per day	1,575.00
For the per annum pay of the Librarian who is by law Superintendent of Territory property.	300.00
For printing for the House and Council & Executive Dept. including the printing of Commissions, proclamations and official letters	3,000.00

For printing the Laws Documents & Journals of Each House & the reports of the Supreme Court $2000.00

For Stationary fuel lights and postages for the Members of Each House & Governor 1500.00

For 1 Chaplain for Each house Each $100 200.00

For Additions to the Library. the Continuations of Reports. Parliamentary History &c. 500.00

For all other incidental Expenses. 500.00

$21.425.00

Add Executive Dept & Engrossing 4.725.00

$26.150.00

For the half year ending 30th June 1847 as follows.

For the Salary of the Governor as Governor & Supt. Ind Affs. according to act April 20. 1836 for year 1250

For the Salaries of the Chief Justice & two associate Judges $900 Ea. 2700

For the Salary of the Secretary of the Territory 600.

For the Contingent Expenses of the Terry. as per act April 20. 1836. 175.

$4.725.00

For half year Ending Dec. 31-46 26.150.00

Aggregate amt for year End Jun 30. 1847 30.875.00

Lewis &c

Henry Dodge

Executive Dept W.T.
Madison Oct 30th 1845

To The Hon
R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to request a remittance at as early a day as convenient of one hundred and seventy five dollars, the sum appropriated for the contingent expenses of this Territory for the half year ending 31st December 1845

I have the honor to be with great respect Your Obt Servant
Henry Dodge

Executive Department W.T.
Madison April 1st 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith sundry accounts & claims with vouchers and abstract of disbursements for contingent expenses in this Department during the quarter of the current year ending the 31st ultimo

Hon Peter Hagner
3rd Auditor
U. S. Treasury

Yours &c
Henry Dodge

Chickasaw Department
for Choctaw Territory
Madison Oct 8th 1846

Hon.
R. J. Walker
Sec U.S. Treasury
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith inclosed, a/c current with abstract of Vouchers and disbursements for the contingent expenses of this Department during the first half of the current year ending 30th June 1846

I respectfully request that the sum of One hundred and seventy five dollars, the amount appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of this department, for the last half of the current year, may be transmitted at as early a day as convenient

I have the honor to be
with high respect
Your Obt Servt
Henry Dodge

Superintendency of Ind. Affs
for Wisconsin Territory
Madison Oct 8th 1840

Hon.
J. M. McCalla
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo accompanied with Statement of differences found in our adjustment of my accounts for the 2d quarter 1840 in the Indian Department to remedy which I enclose herewith the requisite vouchers, which I respectfully request may be filed with, and made a part of said accounts.

I was not aware, that the item of $18,63, which was for expenses incurred in depositing money at Milwaukee, would be merged in the accounts for the Contingencies of this Superintendency, which was the reason of its not being mentioned in my last accounts.

I have the honor to be with great respect
Your obt Servt
Henry Dodge
Supt Ind Affs

Executive Department
for Wisconsin Territory
Madison June 8. 1847

Hon.
R. J. Walker
Sec.y U. S. Treasury
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith vouchers, account current, with abstract of disbursements and receipts, for contingent expenses incurred in this Department during the last half of the year ending 31st. December 1846. the receipt and adjustment of which, you will have the goodness to approve &c.

You will oblige me by transmitting at your early convenience, the sum of $175. the amount appropriated to meet the contingent expenses of this Office for the 1st half of the current year.

I am
with high respect
Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison Jan 8. 1847

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec.y U. S. Treasury

Sir,

On the first of January last, I rendered to your Dept. an account of disbursements made in this Office on a/c of Contingent expenses for the 2.d half of the year 1845 & I again on the 8.th October last rendered an account for similar expenses incurred for the 1.st half of the current year.

I am informed by letter of the Comptroller of the 23.d Nov last, that my accounts of the Expenses of the Executive Office from January 1. to June 30.th 1846, have been adjusted, at the sum of $175 more as per first Auditors report No 95.025. but no mention is made of the settlement of my former accounts. Have the goodness to inform me at your early convenience, which disposition has been made of the accounts rend.d for the Expenses of this office for the 2.d ½ of the year 1845.

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison Jan 14. 1847

Hon
R. J. Walker
Secretary U.S.
Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed a Report made to this Department by N. T. Hyer Esq, the authorized Agent of the Territory, of the selection of lands granted to this Territory, for Seminary purposes; which I have to request, may be set apart, and reserved for the purposes mentioned

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt Servt,
Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison June 14. 1847

Hon.
James A. Rusk
Actg Comr. Genl Land Office

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo relative to this Territory by the act of 8th August last, for the improvement of the Fox & Wisconsin rivers.

I have the honor to
with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Henry Dodge

Superintendent Ind Affairs
for Wisconsin Territory
Madison June 1st 1847

Hon John M McCalla
P. Asst. U. S. Postmaster

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo with accompanying statement of differences in the adjustment of my accounts at your department.

I enclose herewith an affidavit of my Clerk of the amount of postage paid on the different official letters received by me during the 3d quarter of the present year, which you will have the goodness to file with the papers for that quarter in support of Voucher No.

I am &c &c
Henry Dodge
Supt Ind Affairs

Executive Department
for Wisconsin Territory
Madison July 1. 1847

Hon R. J. Walker
Sec. T. U. S. Treasury

Sir;

I have the honor to transmitting herewith enclosed, a Account, with abstract of disbursements and vouchers for contingent expenses incurred in this department during the 2d quarter ending 30th June 1847. the receipts and adjustment of which you will have the goodness to approve. You will oblige me by transmitting at your early convenience the sum of $175 the amount approximated to meet the contingent expenses of this office for the 2d half of the current year.

I have the honor
Signed A. Dodge

Executive Department
for Wisconsin Territory
Madison Sept 30 1847

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed account current with abstract of disbursements and Vouchers for contingent expenses in this Department during the 3d quarter of the current year ending this day

I am
with high respect
Your Obt Servt
Henry Dodge

Hon Peter Hagan
1st Auditor
U S Treasury

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison June 1. 1848

Hon
R. J. Walker
Secretary
U.S. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to request a re-
mittance at as early a day as
may be convenient, of one
hundred and seventy five dollars
the sum appropriated for the
Contingent expenses of this Territory
for the half year ending the
30th of June 1848

I am Sir with
high respect
Your Obt Servt

(Signed) Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison, Jany 10th 1848

Hon. William Collins
Pst Auditor
Wash. Territory

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed, a Circular with abstract of disbursements and vouchers for expenses incurred in this office during the 4th quarter of 1847

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Henry Dodge

Executive Department
Wisconsin Territory
Madison April 1. 1848

Hon:
William Collins
Pt. Auditor
W.T. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith enclosed a Current with abstract of disbursements and Vouchers for expenses incurred in this office during the 1st quarter of the Current year

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Henry Dodge

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT LETTERS

Official Letters, February, 1838, to April 1, 1848

The manuscript volume ticketed as above contains nearly all the "official" correspondence of Wisconsin's three territorial governors, Dodge, Doty, and Tallmadge. The first part of Dodge's first administration, the period from July 4, 1836, to February 23, 1838, is missing. Beginning at the date last mentioned, Dodge's correspondence is continuous till April 8, 1841. In that space of more than three years, however, the first governor wrote only eighteen official letters--all by the hand of the same clerk--and these were so brief that they occupy altogether only nine pages.

Doty's correspondence begins August 31, 1841, and terminates March 12, 1844, about two and one-half years. In that time he wrote thirty-nine letters occupying thirty-eight pages. Governor N. P. Tallmadge began his series on the eighteenth of October, 1844, and concluded it March 5, 1845, producing thirty-eight letters occupying seventeen and one-half pages. Dodge's second series, covering his administration extending from May 13, 1845, to June 7, 1848, includes sixteen letters occupying as many pages, though in some cases where a single letter appears on a page, nearly or quite half the space is left vacant.

It appears, therefore, that of the three executives, Dodge, the soldier, was least addicted to letter writing, perhaps on the principle "the sword is mightier than the pen." However, since these letters are official, it follows that he found less official business to transact than did his contemporaries. That point can be made clear by comparing the contents of the several

series. His first letter, in four lines, acknowledges the resignation of a representative, A. W. McGregor, Davenport. The second is to Secretary of Treasury, Woodbury, promising a report on the condition of Wisconsin banks. The third is about an appointment as notary public. The fourth relates to the selection of university lands; so do also numbers five and six. Number seven approves a bond. Number eight, to Woodbury, acknowledges receipt of a financial statement. Number nine transmits estimates to Register of Treasury. Number ten, to Woodbury, asks for the remittance of the contingent fund. Number eleven acknowledges receipt of a financial statement. Number twelve submits to treasury auditor his accounts and vouchers. Number thirteen submits a schedule of selections of university lands to Secretary of Treasury. Number fourteen transmits a legislative boundary resolution to the governor of Michigan. Number fifteen appoints Byron Kilbourn agent to sell canal bonds or stock. Number sixteen gives instruction to John H. Tweedy, Receiver of the Canal. Number eighteen, a similar instruction to Lapham, Engineer of the Canal. Number nineteen, receipt of Tweedy's bond as Receiver of the Canal.

The dominant quality of all the above Dodge letters is colorlessness. They are purely formal as well as purely official. It would be hard to discover in the entire series a particle of evidence of any kind of emotion save, possibly, anxiety to receive money appropriated by Congress for the use of the territory.

When we come to the Doty series, the situation is strikingly reversed. His first letter is to W. Forward, Comptroller, and

protests a ruling about when Doty's salary is to begin. The Comptroller assumed it would begin when Doty was put in charge of the records of the office. Doty comments caustically: "When an officer is removed from office, it is generally understood he is no longer in that office; but your decision is that although he is removed, and is actually out of office, yet he holds the office until it is his pleasure to surrender up the books and papers to his successor. My predecessor had the books and papers at his residence, fifty miles from the seat of government: was it my duty to hunt him up before I could obtain the office, or my salary commence? By such a rule it will be found very difficult to get some men out of office."

Governor Dodge, the "predecessor" referred to in such unflattering terms, dated all his letters above described from "Executive Office, Mineral Point." But, as a matter of fact, he seems to have lived at Dodge's Grove about four miles from that place. Being fiercely angry with Doty for lobbying through the first legislative assembly at Belmont the bill to make his Madison townsite the permanent capital, Dodge refused to live at that place and, in fact, kept clear of Madison until his second term opened in 1845. Doty, on the other hand, had his executive office in the capitol at Madison.

Doty's initial essay, setting the federal Comptroller right, was followed by one to Byron Kilbourn revoking his authority, given by Dodge, to sell certificates of canal bonds (stock, he calls it), and requiring him to return to the governor's office all certificates remaining in his hands. Then follow a series of seven short, formal letters on indifferent matters, and,

on December 13, a longer letter to Y. L. Smith, Register of the Treasury, who had asked for "the usual estimate" of expenses for the territory to be submitted to Congress. Doty remarks that, as no estimates were on record in the office of the governor or of the secretary, it had been impossible for him to ascertain what had been "usual." He, however, supplies some figures.

Next day he writes to the Legislative Council, nominating nine persons for justices of the peace, also a sheriff, two supreme court commissioners, a notary public and a master in chancery for Racine county; a sheriff for Dane county, and a justice of the peace for Green county. Three formal letters follow, and on December 28 he writes to Moses M. Strong discussing at considerable length a complaint against Jonathan E. Arnold, whose conduct Doty finds to have been blameless. Now follow two formal communications, and February 28, 1842, another controversial epistle. This was directed to Joshua Hathaway and denied his right to claim the office of receiver of the Milwaukee and Rock river canal on the basis of an election. All the canal officers, he contends, are required to be <u>appointed</u> by the governor and council.

A similar statement was sent the same day to A. W. Hatch, claiming the office of Register of the Board of Canal Commissioners. Four formal letters follow, and on March 29, 1842, Doty requests of the Attorney General, M. M. Jackson, an opinion on the question whether, and by what means, the "Territory can recover the possession of the Bonds, funds, books and papers lately in the hands of Messrs. Tweedy and Hustis, and which are now secreted by them or their

friends." He suggests the possibility of suing them for a breach of their bonds. He concludes: "It is very desirable there should be no delay in this matter, as the settlers upon the Canal Grant, and others, have occasion daily to refer to the maps, papers, and bonds thus embezzled."

This is followed, on April 25, by a three page letter to Comptroller Forward relating to the territorial debtt. Again, Doty complains of the deficiency of the records left by his predecessor. He has something to say about "the extravagant expenses" of former legislatures. This letter closes with the following sentiment, which obviously was not designed to compliment Governor Dodge, and which is not lacking in emotional appeal: "But I feel confident that it is the disposition of the people of the Territory that every debt created in the name of the Territory or on its faith shall be paid, altho those debts have been created and the avails squandered by the political paupers who have infested her limits from the first year of her separate existence."

A series of letters follow the above which are almost peaceful in tone. On October 26, 1842, however, Doty wrote the sheriff of Iowa county enclosing a warrant for the execution of the murderer Caffee, whose appeal for pardon or commutation he had denied. Quite unnecessarily he adds, for public consumption, the following: "There is little doubt that if Caffee had not lived in a society in which the practise of carrying about the person concealed weapons, was not only tolerated, but considered rather as distinguishing the gentleman, than the ruffian or bully, he would not have been guilty of shedding Southwick's blood. It

is painful to see the effect of this barbarous custom visited upon one so young:" etc. This shaft, of course, was aimed at Dodge, who forgot a bowie knife, left under the pillow of his bed in a Milwaukee hotel chamber.

Only one short, formal note intervenes between the above letter of October 26, 1842, and Doty's communication to the Register of the Treasury, September 25, 1843, submitting his estimates for the next Congress. And only a single brief note appears later, namely, his request for the balance of the contingent fund, dated March 12, 1844. It appears, therefore, that even Doty, as territorial governor, could get along months at a time without writing a single official letter.

Tallmadge inaugurates his series October 18, 1844, with a two page statement covering his financial estimates for the fiscal year ending June, 1846, which seem to be scheduled very systematically. All the balance of his letters were upon non-controversial subjects. The bulk of them were in the nature of notices to federal officers--Henry Dodge, delegate in Congress, the speaker of the House and president of the Senate--about resolutions passed by the territorial legislative assembly asking for federal appropriations covering roads, mail routes, light houses, harbors, etc. The final letter, March 5, 1845, to the treasury department, is on the subject of the lands selected for the support of a "seminary of learning."

Dodge's second term as governor is scheduled as beginning May 13, 1845. His first official letter, however, is dated from Madison, October 3, 1845, and it refers to the Tallmadge letter

of March 5 on the subject of the university lands. Like his predecessor, Dodge wants to know whether those lands selected within the Mineral Point land district are to be reserved for university purposes. Estimate of appropriations follows in the book, but precedes in time, being dated September 30. All of the subsequent letters, with perhaps one or two exceptions, dealt with financial "accounts current," or questions about such accounts. There is absolutely nothing in the series which is of genuine human interest.

In fact, of these four administrations, that of James Duane Doty is the only one the historian would be interested to follow through the record in this book.

Joseph Schafer